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In re Application of : Patrick H. Potega
Application No. 09/475,945
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
MAKING ONLINE RESTAURANT
RESERVATIONS

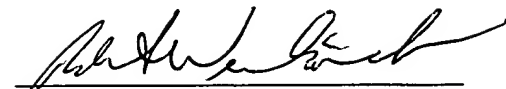
DECISION ON REQUEST TO
WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY OR
AGENT

This is a decision on the Request To Withdraw from Representation filed July 13, 2001 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney of record should indicate thereon the present mailing addresses of the attorney(s) who is/are withdrawing from the record and of the applicant. The request for withdrawal must be signed by every attorney seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. §1. 136(a). The effective date of withdrawal being the date of decision and not the date of request. See M.P.E.P. § 402.06. 37 C.F.R. § 1.36 further requires that the applicant or patent owner be notified of the withdrawal of the attorney or agent.

The request is deficient in that there is no indication that the applicant has been notified of the withdrawal of the attorney or agent. While requestor has indicated he has been in contact with the applicant there is no indication that applicant was notified of the withdrawal.

Therefore, the request is **DENIED**. All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant. Note that the submitted request for withdrawal does not list all the representatives of record and would only be effective to withdraw Mr. Hollingsworth if granted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert A. Weinhardt', is written over a horizontal line.

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